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COVID-19 Updates for Frederick County

> **Change in Frequency:** *Updates will be provided every other week in March and then on an as needed basis. The* Data Dashboard *will continue to be updated on schedule.*

COVID-19 Community Level* in Frederick County, MD: LOW

*Note: this is a new tool from CDC and is different from the previously reported Community Transmission Level.

Frederick County - All Ages*

	# Vaccinated	% of County Population
Fully Vaccinated	197,819	76.2%
At least one dose	220,802	85.1%

Confirmed Cases:
45,325 (+19 in last 24 hrs)

Confirmed Deaths:
502 (+0 in last 24 hrs)

Positivity Rate: 2.38%

Case Rate: 4.07/100,000

Frederick County residents _fully vaccinated_ by age group:

% of Population 5-11 Years	% of Population 12-17 Years	% of Population 5+ Years	% of Population 18+ Years	% of Population 65+ Years
44.8%	77.0%	81.0%	85.7%	95.0%

Frederick County COVID-19 Hospitalizations:	# ICU	# Acute Care
Individuals Hospitalized with COVID-19	1	8

Additional statistics on Frederick County dashboard: http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats and Frederick Health dashboard: http://frederickhealth.org/COVID19.

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Update from Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS)

FCPS will now accept negative results from COVID-19 Home Test Kits in order for symptomatic individuals to return to school before the standard 5 day isolation time.
Based on FDA guidance, accepting negative COVID-19 Home Test Kit results is different from Rapid Antigen or PCR test requirements.

Here's how:
In order to return to school, an individual who tests positive for COVID-19 must report two negative test results more than 24 hours apart, per FDA guidance. Many home test kits include two tests per kit.

If parents/guardians use a COVID-19 Home Test Kit and their child tests negative, **they must test their child again with a second test no sooner than 24 hours after the first test**. If the second test is also negative, their child may return to school as long as they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication. Parents/guardians **must** provide a completed and signed form (use link below) to school health staff in order for the child to return prior to the standard isolation time. https://www.fcps.org/student-services/files/documents/forms/COVID-19_HomeTestResultsFormDirections.pdf

*Parents/guardians still have the option to seek a Rapid Antigen or PCR test from FCHD, FHH, a pharmacy, or a health care provider rather than using a COVID-19 Home Test Kit.

https://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/frederick/preview_message.aspx?app=0&id=110975&type=notice&source=ViewNews

Test Kits & Masks at Libraries

Update on Free Masks and Test Kits:
All Frederick County Public Library branches continue to have KN95 masks and test kits available inside the libraries during regular business hours. Supplies will be renewed when they run low. Visit fcpl.org for library branch hours and locations.

Reporting Positive Results
You can report positive test results through the Maryland COVID Positive At-Home Test Report Portal. Log in at: https://covidlink.maryland.gov/selfreport. If you do not have login information, you may register to create an account.
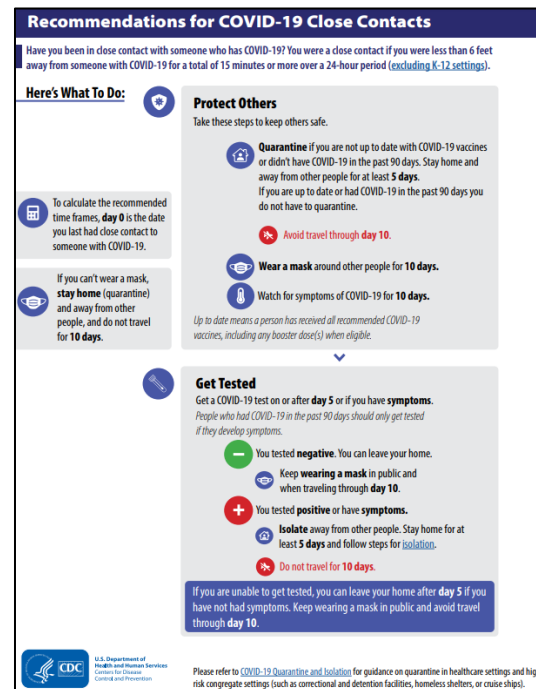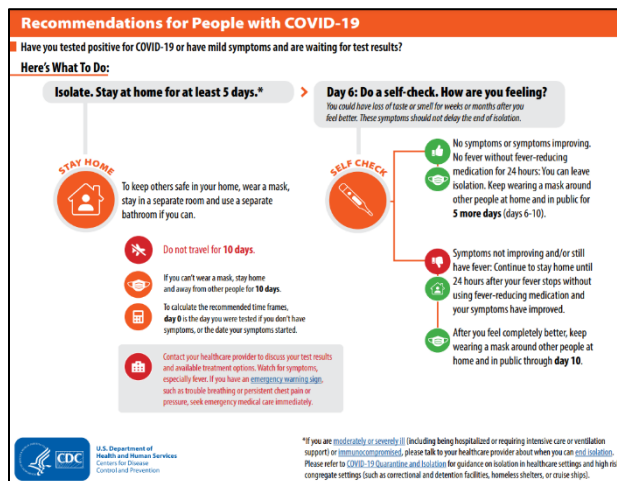
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Booster Reminder

Have you gotten your COVID-19 booster yet? If not, you can get your booster or any other scheduled doses at any of our vaccination clinics. Walk-ins are welcome, or you can schedule for a quicker visit. Check out the list of upcoming clinics here: http://frederickcountymd.gov/covidvaccine.

CDC Updates

CDC has developed two new infographics: "Recommendations for People with COVID-19" and "Recommendations for COVID-19 Close Contacts." As CDC case investigation and contact tracing prioritization guidance recommends a shift away from universal case investigation and contact tracing, people with COVID-19 and close contacts need a way to understand CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine, as well as testing and mask use following close contact. The infographics help the reader visualize current CDC recommendations.

Click on infographics to see larger.

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Frederick Vaccination Update

All Marylanders 5 and older are eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination. **Please note that only Pfizer is authorized for people 5-17 years old. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.**

Frederick County Health Department has clinics in a variety of locations throughout the county. This list can be found at http://frederickcountymd.gov/covidvaccine. New links are added on Mondays. Boosters are available at all clinics.

- Call 855-634-6829 Monday – Friday, 8am-8pm to:
    - Schedule an appointment
    - Schedule an in-home vaccination
    - Arrange for a free Lyft ride to a vaccination clinic. Those who need a ride to get vaccinated can visit www.uwfrederick.org/rideunited for more information. The first $25 of each one-way ride is completely free to the rider.
- For other dates/times, check out Frederick Health Hospital and other locations.

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics:

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, Mar. 17	5-7pm	**Brunswick Branch Library** 915 North Maple Ave, Brunswick, MD 21716
Friday, Mar. 18	1-3pm	**Frederick Towne Mall** (parking lot) 1301 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21702
Saturday, Mar. 19	10am-12pm	**Myersville Community Library** 8 Harp Place, Myersville, MD 21773
Saturday, Mar. 19	10am-1pm	**585 Himes Ave.** Frederick, MD 21703 (directions).
Monday, Mar. 21	5-7pm	**Thurmont Regional Library** 76 East Moser Rd. Thurmont, MD 21788
Wednesday, Mar. 23	4-6pm	**Walkersville Library** 2 South Glade Rd. Walkersville, MD 21793
Wednesday, Mar. 23	4-7pm	**585 Himes Ave.** Frederick, MD 21703 (directions).
Thursday, Mar. 24	5-7pm	**Brunswick Branch Library** 915 North Maple Ave, Brunswick, MD 21716

Childcare option: KinderCare, Learning Care Group, and YMCA are all offering free child care to help parents and caregivers get vaccinated. For more information, visit the provider's website.

For More Information:

For the most current and accurate information about this situation, please refer to the following:
- For testing: https://covidtest.maryland.gov/
- For vaccination: https://www.vaccines.gov/ or http://frederickcountymd.gov/covidvaccine
- Frederick County Health Department: health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): coronavirus.maryland.gov
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): coronavirus.gov

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